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3rd-party review of military plans eyed

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he federal agency guiding historic preservation across the nation has confirmed a possible third-party and expert review of U.S. military undertakings in the CNMI, as the two different and separate projects the U.S. Department of Defense has pushed in recent years could compromise the integrity of Saipan and Tinian's historical landmarks. See 3RD-PARTY on Page 4

FEMA: Return wrongfully sent funds

The Federal Emergency Management Agency wants Soudelor survivors on Saipan to get all available assistance. However, they also want to make sure no one ends up having to return money.

FEMA's Individual Assistance program provides grants to Saipan survivors. About \$20 million has been approved to date.

Mistakes can lead to money being inappropriately paid to people in any disaster.

"When mistakes happen, no matter whether they're made by the applicant or by FEMA, the law requires that FEMA recover that money," said federal coordinating officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. "The last thing we want is for anyone to have to deal with that issue."

Any survivors who received a FEMA grant and are now unsure of their eligibility should contact FEMA at 800-621-3362. People with speech or

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A DECADE OF SERVICE

IT&E celebrated its 10th anniversary on Saipan yesterday. IT&E chief operating officer John Compton, who recently moved to the island to oversee the company's upcoming projects, cuts a giant cake for their staff and customers at their Chalan Laulau office to mark the occasion.

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MVA gets \$2.5M cut; law enforcers get raises

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Whenever it is adopted, a fiscal year 2016 budget bill will arrive from the Marianas Visitors Au-

on Gov. Elov S. Inos' desk with 5-percent salary increase for law enforcement personnel and a budget cut worth \$2.5 million

thority's programs, as lawmakers broke a weeks-long impasse yesterday over the use of these MVA earmarks.

"We have come to a consen-

sus to allow this budget process to go through," said Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), budget conference chairman, at the beginning of yesterday's

budget session.

That meeting was packed with over 50 personnel from the departments of Corrections and Public Safety. Law enforcement personnel filled the Senate chamber's gallery

and lined up seats in the Senate lobby room, forming a unified presence as lawmakers announced the results of the weekend's negotiations.

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The Lions Club International donates boxes of tissue rolls to two schools.

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DATE	SERVING PERIOD	REGULAR	NOW	PRICE
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Sept. 23, 2015	Lunch	A La Carte	Buffet Style	\$14/Adult - \$7/Child
Sept. 24, 2015	Lunch	A La Carte	Buffet Style	\$14/Adult - \$7/Child
Sept. 25, 2015	Friday Lunch Buffet	Buffet Style	Buffet Style	\$14/Adult - \$7/Child
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The dynamic acoustic trio composed of Badjhoe, Raine, and Harley,

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building up excitement by offering a new entertainment package at the casino bar. Dubbed the "new hotspot in town," the casino

bar is the perfect hangout from 7pm to 2am. The bar will be providing twice the entertainment by featuring the topnotch acoustic band Baraha, alternating with the most popular DJs on the island, DJ Fade and the rest of the 9PM DJs, a collaboration of individual talents from around the island.

The casino bar is a wonderfully versatile place, ideal for casual business meetings and for just lounging and mixing with guests who come to unwind and relax while sipping their favorite drinks.

Guests will be regaled with live music from the dynamic acoustic trio composed of Badjhoe, Raine, and Harley, best known as Baraha Band, termed from the first two letters of their tally, Baraha is a Filipino cards, which jives well with **Sunshine**)

ened by Raine's sing-

ing prowess and animated performance, and the group's seamless vocal harmonies.

DJ Fade of Soundhire Saipan leads the 9PM DJ ensemble in openformat DJ music, from house to hip-hop, while throwing in their own remixes and productions. The 9PM crew is a group of creative energetic talents specializing in events, lighting, audio-visuals, and system integration, all of which will provide the desired club effect, the perfect mood to soak in after dinner or before a night of

gaming. Whether you're a live band enthusiast or prefer to chill out with live DJ mixes, the bar at Best Sunshine Live will be buzzing with entertainment.

The big cherry on top is their two-week promotion of \$1 draft beers nightly. Stepping inside the casino bar will take on a whole new combined names. Inciden- level of entertainment and the most affordable beer word that stands for playing for everyone to enjoy. (Best



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IT&E celebrates 10 years of service in the CNMI

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA REPORTER

IT&E marked its first decade of service in the Commonwealth yesterday with a simple but heartfelt celebration that highlighted the many new projects they have lined up to further enhance telecommunications services.

Gathering at their Chalan Laulau Sales Office, IT&E officials, employees, and customers shared a huge cake as a simple get-together to mark the occasion.

According to IT&E chief operating officer John Compton, they wanted it to be simple in light of what the situation is on island after Typhoon Soudelor. Nonetheless, he noted that 10 vears in the telecommunications industry is a big deal for them.

"We're really excited, this is our 10th anniversary. A lot of people don't make it 10 years," Compton said.

"We're all happy about making 10. This is a difficult business, difficult environment so we think 10 years is a very big deal. We didn't want to miss the opportunity to celebrate it with our employees and you can see we're in the sales center, to celebrate with our customers too," he added.

Compton said 10 years in the telecom business is a lifetime and that they will continue to be better through 10 more years.

"We try very, very hard to get better every day. I think our track record for the last 10 years

shows that we have gotten better. We look back at where we were when we bought the company, we've advanced tremendously," Compton said.

IT&E purchased the company from Verizon in 2005.

"Our mission is to provide the best possible service to each and every one of our customers and that means if we need to change the technology or change the services or provide new phones, that's what we'll do," Compton added.

\$30M investment

IT&E continues to press ahead with major investments in the CNMI. A total of \$30 million worth of investment has been planned and will begin soon.

Among their projects is to bring the 4G LTE network to the CNMI, which is basically increased capacities and faster data speeds. Compton said this will double the capacity of all the cellular network here.

According to Sales and Marketing manager Hans Mickelson, they are going to try and keep the cost of LTE close to what is being paid by customers now.

"When you get a premium product you do have to pay a little bit more," Mickelson said. "We have to keep it eligible and affordable for people. We want people to use it."

Another project is setting up a buried fiber optic network islandwide.

taught us all the lesson that wires in the air sometimes don't work out very well. So we're going to bury every inch of it," Compton said.

IT&E will also have six new cell sites in the CNMI, two each for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

"We do our best to cover all the customers and where they live but inevitably, you end up in some spots that are not well covered. So we're investing in more towers and more equipment to cover those areas," Compton said.

In the wake of the cut in their undersea fiber optic cable that shut down communications in the CNMI, Compton said they already made some

"I think the recent storm has maintenance to the cable, which includes the installation of articulated armors as well as repinning the cable.

> "We hired some professionals to dive every inch of the cable, from Guam to here and back again, that they can possibly reach. ... That was completed two weeks ago," Compton said.

Colorful logo

IT&E also made slight changes to their logo. The words "Life in Motion" are now in red, blue and green to make it more colorful and stand out.

"We've had some bad times recently. Now is the right time to revitalize the brand, revitalize our service, revitalize our employees," Compton said.



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MVA

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conference committee attendance this morning," remarked Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan), House budget chair.

Sablan said the question on everyone's minds yesterday morning was if the 5-percent salary adjustments were in the compromise proposal that morning.

"The answer is yes," Sablan said.

When it is adopted, the Senate and House representatives will present a budget to Inos that directs MVA to modify its budget programs to the tune of \$2.5 million. These program cuts-from Inos-directed earmarks—will make up for the shortfall of funds left after Senate provisions move appropriated money to fund salary increases and adjustments, among other provisions.

Inos earlier called these proposed directives an "invasion" of MVA programs, but it's wait-and-see if he will lineitem veto these provisions in

the final budget.

If Inos does, House representatives will still have gotten their way in protecting a Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. utility subsidy that the Senate first proposed to move to fund their provisions. The Senate had argued the utility money would be still there "bottom-line" after directing MVA earmarks to fund the shortfall.

But as the House maintained that this money could not be touched, the Senate and House presented yesterday a compromise proposal restoring the \$2 million utility subsidy back into the general appropriations bill.

The compromise proposal, according to an Excel worksheet provided to reporters after the meeting, restores \$2 million in CHC funds taken out in the Senate provisions and restores \$75,759 in Northern Marianas Sports Association funds taken out by the Senate.

To make up for this \$2 million, the worksheet identifies "over-allocations" that were trimmed or zeroed out from appropriations. These are:

■ \$286,000 from "various

business units";

- \$89,385 for salary increases that lawmakers deemed unnecessary;
- \$58,197 from the Department of Agriculture-Saipan;
- \$477,969 for 20 new full time positions for DPS;
- \$534,557 for street lights remaining in the budget;
- \$444,437 in "over-allocation" to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.; and
- \$200,000 from the Saipan Mayor's Office

But the compromise proposal directs MVA to fund \$200,000 for the Saipan Mayor Office's "tourist-related activities" to the tune of \$200,000, essentially making up this budget cut.

In total, the MVA programs' budget of \$12 million from hotel tax earmarks would be deducted \$200,000 for the Saipan mayor; \$1.8 million for public streetlights; \$200,000 Saipan airport x-ray machines; \$225,000 for Saipan seaport xray machine; and \$75,000 for seaport scanners.

It's unclear right now how these cuts will affect MVA's programs throughout fiscal year

2016, or if MVA will be forced to halt any of their events. The MVA promotes the CNMI's only industry, tourism, through events like the Taste of Marianas.

When the budget conferees formally adopted the compromise "worksheet" and recessed their morning session, the crowd of law enforcement personnel applauded.

As this developed, Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres gave Cabinet members marching orders to prepare for a potential government shutdown some eight days away.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said Inos informed his department heads to "define what positions are essential and what are not" in preparing for the shutdown.

Administration officials said yesterday that Inos has concerns about what the Legislature means by "law enforcement," saying the government shutdown would be more imminent without these clarifications in administrative positions.

"I know that there seems to be some degree of controversy why some of the lawmakers [were pushing] for [the law enforcers'] pay raises now," said DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero after the budget session. "The reality of the situation is, that was not the highlight of our request, even though it was initially included. There are number of requests the department submitted. It is really a priority...of the Legislature after hearing our justifications that salary should be made their priority as opposed to the other things we were requesting."

"We are nonetheless grate-

ful. It is a step in the right direction. I think every law enforcement officer in the CNMI will feel a little better that they are getting" pay increases since 2001, he said.

"If you look at the salaries of police officers, and look at the employees of salaries in autonomous agencies or the degree of the disparity—I think it's time we start looking, not just at law enforcement but other professionals out there and public servants that will require salary adjustments as we move forward."

3RD-PARTY

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The Advisory Council for Historic Preservation initiates this review by requesting the Department of the Interior to task the National Park Service to analyze the military impact to historical sites.

That review is called Section 213 Report, prepared under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

"We are still actively considering the request of a Section 213 Report for undertakings within the CNMI," confirmed Katharine Kerr, ACHP Federal Property Management Section program analyst, on Friday.

The preservation council says Section 213 Reports have been sought for undertakings involving national historical landmarks in which consultation was "particularly difficult and/or controversial." The 213 Reports are intended to provide useful, independent, and authoritative information to consulting parties.

Saipan Tribune learned there has been a push from within local consulting parties to urge the council to initiate this report. As there are two major historical landmarks on Saipan and Tinian, all the cumulative effects—from the military's separate live-fire project, to the divert airfield project—must be considered.

"Yes, I wholeheartedly endorse this third-party and independent review," said Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs, when sought for comment. "I also urge my colleagues to throw their support behind this effort as it seeks to serve the best interest of the Commonwealth.

"The divert and [CNMI Joint Military Training live-fire] projects have since triggered the attention of both Commonwealth officials and more importantly, residents of Saipan and Tinian. Moreover, because of the magnitude of these proposed projects, there are a myriad of concerns from cross sectors of our community.

"One significant issue centers on the potential impacts the projects may have upon areas on Saipan and Tinian that have long been designated as National Historic Landmarks.

"The CNMI is currently in a complicated and separate Section 106 consultations with divert and CJMT, and the cumulative effects should be considered.

"A Section 213 Report will accomplish this and is necessary because the Marines and the Air Force continue to separate the two projects," Demapan said.

The Air Force has determined that their proposed action would have no direct adverse effect or contributing elements to the Aslito/Isley Field, on the Saipan Landing Beaches [a National Historical Landmark], Aslito/Isley Field, Marpi Point National Historic Landmark, or other historic properties on Saipan, according U.S. Air Force Col. Michael R. Cardoza in a letter of findings to historic impact in August.

"However, the USAF finds that certain proposed actions in the various alternatives could have an adverse effect on the American Administration-period West Field site on Tinian and possible indirect adverse effect on the setting and feeling of the Aslito/Isley Field National Historic District on Saipan," Cardoza writes in the August letter.

For the CJMT project, CNMI officials have said the Tinian registered historical national landmark will be adversely impacted by the operation of the proposed firing ranges. The U.S. military's plan to build ramps for amphibious assault vehicles at Unai Chulu Beach have been found troubling as Unai Chulu is part of the North Field and Landing Beaches Historic National Landmark. CNMI officials have earlier discouraged the degradation of this important landmark or the environment found there.

A Section 213 Report could address the "cumulative" impact of these two Air Force and Department of Navy projects.

Analysis of "cumulative" effects has been found lacking by many administration and government officials and consultants reviewing Defense impact documents.

ACHP says the National Park Service, through the report, would share its expert opinions on the significance of a historic property, the effects of the proposed undertaking on the property, and the recommendation of measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to the property.

The report can be used as a tool in the Section 106 consultation and is made public record.



Law enforcement personnel listen in as lawmakers deliberate and eventually adopt their salary increases in a budget session yesterday.

FEMA

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hearing disability and use 711 or Video Relay Service should call that number, while those who use TTY should call 800-462-7585.

Two weeks left to register

Typhoon Soudelor survivors on Saipan have just two weeks left to register for help from FEMA. The deadline is Monday, Oct. 5. The Disaster Recovery Center at the Pedro P Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe will remain open through the following Friday, Oct. 9.

"We want to make sure everyone who should get help does," said DeBlasio. "That can't happen for anyone who doesn't register, so we really want to make sure everyone knows the deadline and to encourage them to register before it comes."

Survivors are encouraged to apply for assistance online at

www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362. People with speech or hearing disabilities and use TTY should call 800-462-7585, and those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services should call 800-621-3362.

Even if an applicant turns out to be ineligible, an applicant specialist will discuss any unmet needs and refer the survivor to voluntary organizations that may be able to provide assistance.

Businesses as well as home-

owners and renters who were impacted by Soudelor can also contact the U.S. Small Business Administration by going to the DRC in Susupe to ask about low-interest disaster loans.

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After the DRC closes, SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center where applicants can meet face-to-face with SBA representatives, sign and close loans, and get answers to their SBA questions. SBA will announce the DLOC location soon. (FEMA)

IT&E network expansion equipment arrives on Saipan

of this equipment will begin this

As previously announced, as part of an additional \$30-million investment that IT&E is making in the Northern Mariana Islands, IT&E will greatly ex-

cellular 4G network on Saipan. IT&E confirms that all of the equipment necessary to complete this expansion is now on Saipan and safely stored until it pand the capacity of its current is put into use. The installation

month and the project will be completed in early 2016. "Due to the popularity of our

4G network, IT&E will not only

double the capacity of its exist-

ing cellular 4G network [on] Saipan but also we will add LTE [Long-Term Evolution] capability to the most densely populated sections of the island at the same time. LTE will provide not only more capacity to our customers but it will also enable our customers to receive data speeds that are many times faster than the speeds available to them today," said John M. Compton,

IT&E's chief operating officer.

Because this expansion will provide an improved service experience to IT&E cellular 4G customers, Hans Mickelson, IT&E's manager of Marketing and Enterprise Sales in the CNMI, said, "Of course, we are excited to bring this additional speed and capacity to all of our 4G customers but we are most excited for our customers because they will now be able to more fully utilize the benefits and features of their LTE-capable smartphones and other LTE capable devices."

Because IT&E knows how important this additional capacity and higher speed data is to the community, IT&E is committed to keeping the public closely informed about their progress with this expansion project, and will notify customers when this expansion becomes available in new areas. (IT&E)

Leyda Ada's motion to set aside her perjury conviction is denied

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has denied Leyda I. Ada's motion to set aside her perjury conviction.

Manglona made the decision on Thursday after reviewing the motions, briefs, evidence, having presided over the trial, and having heard all arguments.

In a written order, Manglona said the jury had sufficient evidence to reasonably conclude that Ada knew she had the cash in both the underwear drawer and money in the Blaze 'N' Entertainment checking account, and that she lied when she answered that she did not.

"Viewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the prosecution, a rational trier of fact could have found the essential elements of perjury—here that Ada believed her sworn statement was false—beyond a reasonable doubt," she said.

The judge said the \$4,000 cash in the underwear drawer could have been Ada's, and her treatment of the Blaze 'N' Entertainment account as a personal account both suggested that she lied on CJA Form 23.

CJA Form 23 refers to a financial affidavit that a criminal defendant must complete to avail of a free court-appointed attorney, showing that she lacks the ability to pay.

Manglona said the U.S. government presented evidence that Ada knew she had "cash on hand" in the form of \$4,000 discovered in an underwear drawer at her home.

Manglona said Ada argues that the U.S. government failed to show that the cash found in the underwear drawer belonged to her, but the photographs seem to show women's underwear, and the jury could have rationally concluded that the cash and underwear belonged to Ada.

"Accordingly, when Ada answered that she did not have any cash on hand, the jury could have determined that she perjured herself," the judge pointed out.

Additionally, Manglona said, the U.S. government presented evidence to show that Ada had "money in savings or checking accounts."

The U.S. government, she said, admitted two checks, one for \$5,000 and another for \$2,500, written out to Ada from her mother that were deposited into a Blaze 'N' Entertainment checking account less than two months prior to her arrest.

The prosecution, Manglona

said, also admitted a notebook was found during the search of Ada's home that contained a notation that proceeds from the sale of her personal property would be deposited into the "Blazen" account.

Attorney Mark Hanson argued the motion as court-appointed counsel for Ada. Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe opposed on behalf of the U.S. government.

Last June 26, a federal jury acquitted Ada of the charges of conspiracy to commit money laundering and money laundering but found her guilty of perjury.

Perjury has a maximum prison term of five years. Ada will be sentenced on Nov. 13, 2015.

The 12 jurors found Ada guilty of perjury when she signed "no" to the question in a form if she has any cash on hand or money in savings or checking accounts.

In order to determine whether Ada could afford her own lawyer when she was arrested, she was required by the court to truthfully complete a financial affidavit.

In the paragraph titled "Employment," Ada also checked the "no" box indicating she was not employed.

According to the indictment, Ada's statements were false because she knew that she had \$4,000 in cash at the time in her personal clothing drawer at her house and had access to at least two bank accounts.

Backe asserted that there was more than enough evidence for the jury to conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that Ada was guilty of perjury. He said there was ample evidence produced at trial for the jury to conclude that Ada's checking of the "no" box was another step in her and her husband's elaborate plan to make it appear they were just a family of modest means, and therefore incapable of having profited from or knowing about the \$2 million stolen from the Commonwealth Health Center.

Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouribased company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Ada's husband, Melvin Ada, is a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center. He pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to a medical supplier company totaling over \$1.7 million. He has yet to be sentenced.



John Compton, chief operating officer, left, and Hans Mickelson, IT&E Marketing and Enterprise Sales manager, right, show off the new Ericsson equipment that has arrived on Saipan



Best Sunshine donates \$20K to Lady Diann Foundation

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA REPORTER

Sunshine International Ltd. has donated \$20,000 to the Lady Diann Foundation to help in the recovery efforts after Typhoon Soudelor.

BSI chief operating officer Matt Harkness presented the check to Diann Tudela Torres on Friday at Best Sunshine's live training facility at the T Galleria in Garapan.

"We would like to thank the Sunshine International group. We do have a big project coming up and this would definitely help many individuals. We're very excited," Torres said.

"We're very grateful. The foundation focuses to help rebuild the CNMI with the road-

to-recovery campaign. This donation is definitely something that could help us, help the community. It's all going back to the community," foundation vice president Geri Delacruz said.

"Best Sunshine has been really working hard through the diligent work of a lot of people to help out the residents of Saipan to recover from the typhoon as much as possible. There have been a lot of different causes that have really been worthwhile and we're very proud to be associated with and this is obviously one of them," Harkness said.

According to the foundation, they are still planning for the upcoming project but that it would focus on rebuilding the homes destroyed in the typhoon. They are thinking of providing vouchers for the purnitely on construction materichase of construction materials. als," Delacruz said.

"The concentration is defi-BSI said they are still look-

community.

"We continue to look at

ing for other ways to help the what makes sense for the community for us to be involved in," Harkness said.



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Best Sunshine International Ltd. donated \$20,000 to the Lady Diann Foundation last Friday to help in their recovery and rebuilding efforts in

St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc. Job Vacancy Announcement

Registered Nurse (04)

- Must pass NCLEX-RN with current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to Five years experience in hemodialysis or related field
- English language skills proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- In-service training with Baxter Phoenix Machines
- Experience with Ameriwater Bicarbonate Distribution System

Hemodialysis Technicians (05)

- Certificate from Junior College/Technician School in Healthcare or related field
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Three years hemodialysis experience preferred.
- English language skills proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Flexible with time schedule

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Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up an application at St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc. in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application or resume will be on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 4:00pm. For more information, please call 234-2901 ext. 128.

NMC receives \$269K grant

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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The Northern Marianas College has been awarded \$269,023 in grant funding by the Asian and American and Native American Pacific Island-Serving Institutions program.

NMC is currently on a fiveyear, \$1.4-million grant program under AANAPISI. The recent award of \$269,023 is for the first budget period, which begins fiscal year 2016.

The grant will allow NMC to help students in the Commonwealth prepare for and succeed in college.

The AANAPISI program provides grants and related as-

sistance to Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institutions to enable these institutions to improve and expand their capacity to serve Asian Americans and Native American Pacific Islanders and low-income individuals.

Additionally, the grant will support activities that strengthen indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language preservation and revitalization efforts.

Among other benefits, the grant will fund a number of activities that are part of the "Project PROA" program that includes support for academic tutors, counseling programs, and student support services. It will also help the college maximize technology through the implementation of digital tools, assessments, and materials that are aligned with college and career-ready standards.

The ultimate goal of Project PROA, according to the grant proposal, is to improve and expand the capacity of the college to increase the number and proportion of high-need indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian students who are academically prepared to attend and graduate from NMC on time.

David Attao, dean of Administration and Resource Development at NMC, said it would also help NMC establish the PROA Center, which will be the focal point on campus where many of the grant's activities will be centered.

"We are extremely thankful to the AANAPISI program and everyone who participated in preparing the grant proposal," Attao said.

The grant broadens NMC's capacity to work not only with college students but also with high school juniors and seniors as they begin their transition to college.

NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart said this is a significant achievement for the college.

"The grant substantially boosts the depth and variety of academic services the college provides to students and will go a long way in helping them through their educational journey," Hart said. "I want to commend Attao and his team for spearheading the application for this competitive grant program."



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Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's Office (Conference Room) at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan

The following Agenda will be discussed:

PRELIMINARIES:

Roll Call

Adoption of Agenda Adoption of Minutes-August 27, 2015

REPORTS:

Report by the Chairman

Report by the Acting Executive Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS **OLD BUSINESS:**

GLI Final Audit & Certification of Casino Gaming Equipment & GLI Training

House Bill #19-95

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Casino Regulatory Fee Schedule: Extension of Due Date

Junket Regulations **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS VII.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan

Chairman

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Renewing Kan Pacific's lease is economically responsible, makes good sense and is simply the right thing to do for our island and our families.

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businesses and new ones must work side-by-side.

Donna Blas Spa Reception



Lions Club donates boxes of tissue rolls to MHS, Hopwood

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA frauleine_villanueva@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Lions Club International donated boxes of tissue rolls to two schools last Friday.

Hopwood Junior School received 320 rolls of tissue paper while Marianas High School received 400 rolls.

"This is just one of our community projects," District 204 Region 2 chair Ladyvir Canape said.

Canape said they wanted to help with maintaining hygiene, especially among students, in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

Members of the Saipan Marianas Lions Club and the Saipan Fil-American Lions Club delivered the boxes to the schools.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera thanked the Lions for the donation and noted that after the typhoon, their students became mindful of using tissue.

"It's a very big help for the students because with running a school we're also in charge of providing all kinds of supplies and consumables like toilet tissue," Cabrera said.

"It is something you need every day. You don't think about it but we're just very grateful for their donation since we have such a huge population," she added.

Almost 1,600 students are enrolled in MHS this year.

Canape said that they chose MHS and Hopwood as these are potential sources of members for their upcoming Leo Club. She said they are already





FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Members of the Lions Club International turn over boxes of tissue rolls to Marianas High School principal Cherlyn Cabrera, front row center, and MHS students on Friday.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA Members of the Lions Club International donate boxes of tissue rolls to Hopwood Junior High School. Standing far right is Hopwood principal Jonas Barcinas.

in the process of organizing a Leo Club that will be named the Saipan Marianas Alpha Leo Club. They seek to attract more than 20 youth members.

The Leo Club will be for youths who are 12 to 16 years of age. It aims to engage the youth and the next generation of Lions that are willing to serve.

"If we have more funds we can give to other schools also," Canape said.

Saipan Young Professionals volunteer at Empty Vessel Ministry

Members of the Saipan Young Professionals continued their typhoon recovery efforts by volunteering with the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation on Saturday, Sept. 19. The SYP Committee helped sort, fold, and organize clothing and other items donated by community members to the Empty Vessel Ministry.

"We're happy to work alongside an organization dedicated to meeting the needs of our community, especially those still affected by Typhoon Soudelor," said SYP chair Mable Ayuyu.

"Their mission speaks volumes and we witnessed that today."

SYP member and educator Kristal Johnson said: "It was such a great experience working with my peers for such a worthy cause. My husband and I are always looking for ways to help our community no matter how small."

When asked if she would volunteer again, Johnson said: "We would definitely do it again! It was a humbling experience to see those in need have smiles on their faces when they came

in and found things they liked."

Ayuyu said she's thankful to all the Saipan Young Professionals members and friends who continue to dedicate their time to volunteering. "Each month we hope to work together with a different organization that aims to make a positive difference for our community," she said.

Empty Vessel founder and director Rose Smith expressed her gratitude to the Saipan Young Professionals for choosing to volunteer with them.

The Saipan Young Profes-

sionals would like to encourage all community members to donate their worn/used clothing to the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation office located on Middle Road across EZ Mart.

The Saipan Young Professionals is a committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the committee, visit their Facebook page or call (670) 234-7150. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce Office is located at the Marianas Business Plaza, Room 315. **(SCC)**



Members of the Saipan Young Professionals Committee lend a helping hand at the Empty Vessel Ministry.

Korean TV comedian to attend Full Moon Festival on Saipan

>> Korean association will give award to 2 outstanding cops, 2 firefighters

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Popular Korean TV comedian Sung Beom Kang is expected to attend the Korean community's annual celebration of the Full Moon Festival this Resort's Royal Taga Hall starting at 5pm.

Kang, one of the actors of Korean sketch comedy TV show "Gag Concert," will arrive this Friday for a threenight stay on Saipan, according to Korean Association of Saipan officials.

Association president Hong Kyun Kim invited Kang to headline the Korean community's celebration of the Full Moon Festival, which is similar to the United States' Thanksgiving tradition.

Association treasurer Kyu Jin Hong and secretary Ho Joon Joo told Saipan Tribune yesterday that Kang agreed to waive his fees after learning that Saipan was devastated by Typhoon Soudelor.

Sangdon Yoon, the Korean consul general for Guam and the CNMI, and Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero will also grace the event.

The association will use the occasion to present awards to two outstanding police officers and two firefighters. DPS and the Department of Sunday at the Saipan World Fire and Emergency Medical Services have been asked to submit the names of select officers and firefighters.

> Hong said it would be the first time for the association to present awards to outstanding police officers and firefighters on Saipan as a way to express the Korean community's appreciation for their hard work.

> It was Hong's suggestion to recognize deserving police officers and firefighters, citing his experience in New York where he lived for 20 years, where the Korean association there would give awards during every Full Moon Festival.

Hong said the group on Saipan under the leadership of their president, Kim, wants to develop good relations with police officers, firefighters, and other members of law enforcement agencies.

Ex-CPA police officer is found using 'ice' anew

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Floyd Mafnas Mendiola, a for-

thority officer who was slapped with a 10-month prison term last July for methamphetamine

use but allowed to remain free pending the designation of his prison facility, tested presumptive positive for "ice" use during

When confronted with the result, Mendiola admitted to using "ice" on Aug. 13, 2015, saying he was stressed out about the damage his home sustained due to Typhoon Soudelor, according to U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola.

>>> Blames Arriola told the U.S. District Court for the NMI that Mendiola would be placed back on Phase 1 of the drug testing program and subjected to six tests a month.

The probation officer requested the court to impose no action at this time.

Mendiola, however, was warned that any further violations will be immediately reported to the court and could possibly result in his detention.

Last July, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona imposed a

10-month prison term on Mendiola for twice helping to facilitate the sale of "ice" in total net weight of 1.53 grams.

Mendiola was sentenced to just 10 months in prison—the lowest in the sentencing guide-

> lines range—mainly because of the many positive things the judge heard about him. The court determined that the sentencing guidelines range is 10 months to 16 months impris-

onment.

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Federal agents arrested Mendiola on May 27, 2014, after an indictment was filed charging him with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine from Feb. 27 to March 2, 2013.

Mendiola signed a plea deal with the U.S. government. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Habitual offender gets 15-month term for machete threat, violating probation

Benzi Edward Ngeskebei, a habitual offender accused of holding a 14-inch long machete to the neck of a man who gave him a car ride in Chalan Kanoa, has pleaded guilty and was slapped with a six-month prison term.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo gave the 29-year-old Ngeskebei credit for 80 days of time served.

Ngeskebei was also sentenced to nine months in prison for violating his probation, to be served consecutively with his six-month sentence. That means Ngeskebei will serve a total of 15 months.

Ngeskebei pleaded guilty to assault as part of a plea deal. He also admitted to violating the terms and conditions of his probation in a 2011 conviction.

This latest case arises from an incident on June 20, 2015, when Ngeskebei pointed a machete at Joseph Deleon Guerrero's head while the victim was driving a vehicle.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer served as counsel for Ngeskebei.

According to police, officers responded to Chalan Kanoa on June 20 at midnight after receiving a call that Ngeskebei was holding a knife to another person's neck by the intersection of As Perdido and Texas Roads.

Two police officers saw the vehicle on the eastbound lane by the intersection into Texas Road with its hazard lights turned on.

As one officer drove closer to the vehicle, he saw Ngeskebei walking on the road. The officer approached Ngeskebei and secured him in handcuffs for safety purposes.

A man, later identified as Joseph Leon Guerrero, got out of the parked car and yelled at the officers to arrest Ngeskebei because he tried to cut him with a machete.

Leon Guerrero had scratches on his right arm but he refused medical treatment.

According to Leon Guerrero, he got home around midnight in Koblerville when Ngeskebei asked him to drop him off at Chalan Kanoa.

Leon Guerrero and his wife agreed to do so but, once they reached the As Perdido traf-

Small craft advisory now in effect

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, monsoon winds blowing across the Philippine Sea will create conditions hazardous to small craft for at least the next several days.

A small craft advisory is now in effect until 6pm Saturday.

Southwest wind of 15 to 25 knots will prevail today in Rota waters. Variable winds of 5 to 10 mph will be coming southwest 15 to 25 mph this

SHEFA supporting docs due next Wed.

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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Applicants for the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance only have a week to submit supporting documents, according to SHEFA administrator Merissa S. Rasa.

Applications were due this year in July and now supporting documents are due on Sept. 30.

"Supporting documents have to be complete upon submission," Rasa said.

So far SHEFA has reported a total of 980 applications for fall 2015. A total of 280 applicants are new while 700 are ongoing or returning applications. There are still pending documents applicants need to turn in for approval.

Also, SHEFA scholars who recently graduated need to submit a copy of their degree, an morning in Tinian and Saipan waters. Southwest winds between 15 and 25 mph are then expected for at least the next several days.

Combined seas of 5 to 7 feet will build to between 9 and 10 feet by Thursday.

A small craft advisory means that wind speeds of 21 to 33 knots are expected to produce hazardous wave conditions to small craft. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in these conditions. (HSEM)

official transcript, SHEFA graduate form, and Employment Verification Form. The graduate form and verification form can

be downloaded at www.saipanshefa.net. Rasa said that as of July 30, 2015, SHEFA has collected a

total of \$74,550. SHEFA recipients have three months after graduating or nonenrollment to submit the documents for compliance purposes. Threat of legal action faces those who fail to comply with this rule.

"Also, all SHEFA announcements such as dates for release of award (batches), deadlines, scholarship/employment opportunities can be found on our Facebook page. Just search SHEFA," she said.

For more information, call SHEFA at 233-5995 or email at contact@saipanshefa.net.

fic light, Leon Guerrero and Ngeskebei got into a heated argument about poker, drugs, and gambling.

As the car approached the intersection into Texas Road, Ngeskebei, who was sitting in the back of the car, leaned over Leon Guerrero, took out a machete, and cussed at him.

When Leon Guerrero saw the machete, he slammed on the brakes and grabbed the machete and pinned it against the steering wheel.

During the struggle, Leon Guerrero's wife, who was sitting on the front passenger seat, called the police.

Ngeskebei let go of the machete, apologized to Leon Guerrero, got out of the car, and was walking away when police arrived.

In September 2013, police arrested Ngeskebei for allegedly repeatedly hitting his sister with a baseball bat and punching her at their home in Koblerville.

Police said the sister managed to escape by jumping out of a window, tearing the screen. Injured, the victim ran to Turnkey Housing where she called the police. (Ferdie de la Torre)

WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

- 1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
- Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
- Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

- Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
- Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
- For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category D: is a displaced homemaker;

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER—The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

(A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member

but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and

(B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

- 1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
- Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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Women still waiting to be heard by the Vatican

hen a corporation names a new chief executive, it's typical for staffers with special interests and projects to jockey for attention. When a new pontiff is elected, a similar phenomenon can be observed in the Catholic Church, which also has overarching pastoral and sacramental duties.

Add to that the compassion and listening ability of Pope Francis and the list of interests competing for his attention deepens in intensity.

The list was long even before Francis' election: reform the Curia; clean up the Vatican Bank; establish accountability for those who protected priests who committed crimes against children; create a welcoming environment for the LGBT community; find a way to welcome the divorced and remarried into the church.

But there are also those seeking greater roles for women in the church. This group is not simply comprised of those who might be described as feminists. It's populated by mothers, grandmothers, fathers, grandfathers, brothers and clergy.

Unfortunately, there has been little so far to suggest that they have been heard. But we should not lose heart, despite some missteps by the Vatican.

The Pontifical Council For Culture advertised its conference on women with a video that so outraged women in the Western world that the English-language version was pulled from its website. Then, the pope's unfortunate remarks before the European Parliament about women and grandmothers went viral.

Could it be that Pope Francis has missed the cry to include women? Is Pope Francis so conditioned by his European and Latino upbringing that he is unable to imagine women in more significant roles? Is Pope Francis afraid of conflict?

We should suspect not.

Among the many gifts Pope Francis brings to the papacy is his ability to be strategic. Bypassing traditional curial roles, he surrounded himself with advisers of varying strengths and talents. It's a company of thinkers that, for instance, has helped to spur reforms at the Vatican Bank, created a process to handle ecclesial failures, and helped the pontiff to deliver the church's strongest message to date on climate change.

Those of us who advocate for meaningful roles for women within the church should not give up and go home. We need to remember that Francis has touched nerve endings on many controversial issues.

He has great devotion to Mary the Undoer of Knots. We might be pleasantly surprised that ongoing debates may suddenly lead us to find women as an integral part of the church as if they had always been there.

We can only hope.



US must step up on refugees

he desperate refugees setting sail on rickety boats and scaling barbed-wire fences to enter the European Union come predominantly from Syria. This crisis won't end soon, because the Syrian conflict isn't going to end soon. The Europeans can't solve it on their own. So it's time for the United States to provide leadership—by pressing our rich Gulf Arab allies

to do much more for the refugees and by doing more ourselves.

That is not just a moral imperative. It makes national security sense.

The refugee crisis has been primed to explode for the past three years. It took the photo of the lifeless body of 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi to galvanize global sympathy in a disaster that aid agencies have long warned about.

The image of sea water lapping against Kurdi's tiny corpse impelled Chancellor Angela Merkel to open Germany's gates further and agree to accept 800,000 refugees and migrants this year.

But Merkel's generosity can't cope with the enormity of the problem. "What Germany has done is extraordinary, but clearly one is going to be overwhelmed if one does this," says the University of Oklahoma's Joshua Landis, a leading expert on Syria. Many other European nations are refusing to endorse a plan to require all EU members to resettle a fair share of asylum seekers.

Right-wing parties in Europe are whipping up opposition to a "Muslim invasion," although this wave of Syrians is mainly professionals, artisans, students, and small-business people, often secular in their lifestyles. They have much to offer European states where birthrates are low.

"These are ideal immigrants," says Landis, "middle-class people who still have enough money to pay smugglers." Many come from government-controlled areas where they were spared the worst of the war, but are now trying to flee as the Syrian state is collapsing.

Yet with anti-immigrant sentiment rising, Germany has reintroduced border controls, followed by other European countries. "America is building a giant wall with Mexico," says Landis, "and we built a much better Coast Guard in order to keep Haitian boat people out. I presume that's what Europe will do."

Clearly Europe can't absorb all those fleeing Afghanistan or failed states in Africa. But keeping refugees from war-torn Syria out may create bigger problems than letting them in.

Over the past four years, the Syrian exodus has created a lost generation of youths without education or prospects. In May, I visited the desolate Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan, where 100,000 Syrians live in trailers on terrain that looks like a moonscape. The men have no work, and thousands of teenage boys no schooling or hope.

Their anger may well drive many to return home and join jihadi militias.

Millions of Syrian refugees threaten to destabilize neighboring countries. Tiny Lebanon has taken in 1.13 million Syrians, who now make up a fourth of its population. Jordan, where unemploy-

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ment is high and services strained, has accepted 629,000. Turkey, although wealthier, is straining to cope with 1.8 million.

As Syria crumbles further, additional millions may flee.

The best solution would be a negotiated end to the conflict. Some hope the nuclear deal with Iran will enable Washington to work out a solution with Tehran and Moscow, the main supporters of Syrian dictator Bashar Assad. For the foreseeable future, that is a pipe dream.

So is the fantasy of creating safe zones for refugees along the Syrian-Turkish border. No one has explained whose troops would protect those zones from Syrian shelling or provide safe haven for civilians amid wrecked towns and villages.

Which leaves this question: If Europe is overwhelmed by the Syrian refugee challenge, who else can step up?

Here is where President Barack Obama (finally) has to get active. The United States leads the world in humanitarian aid to Syrian refugees over the past four years (around \$4 billion) but has admitted only 1,200 refugees. The president has now pledged to allow in a paltry 10,000 more over the next year, but our dysfunctional system of security checks will take at least two years to clear them.

This is nuts.

Obama bears substantial responsibility for the Syria mess, having failed to help Syrian moderates when they still existed. He subcontracted the job of helping Syrian rebels to Gulf Arab states that preferred Islamist militias. Those same Gulf Arabs—with the exception of the United Arab Emirates—have done far too little to assist the refugees they helped create.

So the president must press Gulf Arab leaders to ramp up humanitarian aid (so far only a fourth of what Washington has provided). If the Saudis offered to pay refugee resettlement costs in Europe, more countries might allow Syrians to enter.

And Obama should urge Gulf states to invite many more Syrians in, not to sit in desert refugee camps, but to work and live. After all, 25 years ago, hundreds of thousands of Kuwaitis were given refuge in the Gulf after the invasion of their country by Saddam Hussein.

To set an example, Obama should invite 100,000 Syrians to settle here, just as Cubans were welcomed, or Vietnamese after the end of the Vietnam war. It would be shameful and shortsighted to do any less.

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Got a ready alibi? You're kidding yourself

hat's your go-to alibi? What's the card that you draw to excuse yourself from everything?

We all have them. Mine are that I grew up in a depressed, working class family and that my mother died young. These are facts, but I've transformed them into the worse kind of currency: I use them to absolve myself of responsibility. They're what I tell myself when I'm trying to get out of a deadline, escape an uncomfortable situation or look for an easy out.

Other people's might be "My father was an alcoholic," "By the time I knew what I wanted, it was already too late" or, simply, "I'm from Ohio."

I was thinking about this the other night because all I had to do was hit the "send" button to finish an important task and I couldn't. I sat staring at the screen, as if immobilized inside an iron maiden.

I had to send the beginning of my new book out for a blurb and I couldn't bring myself to do it.

What happened is this: I'd devised such effective emotional camouflage I couldn't see I was my own enemy. I had an arsenal of excuses: Classes were starting and my students needed me. My husband was in Alaska for a month (on purpose, for fun and in a Winnebago—go figure) and I was dealing with his household responsibilities in addition to my own. I wasn't quite back on my toes after recent surgery.

All true

But they were only partial truths. None of them represented the real reason for my jagged, sodden and cringing inability to rise to the occasion.

These were, in fact, alibis, all polished up and neatly laid out. These were my pre-fab, cloak-and-dagger explanations to keep my-self from facing what was really going on.

What was I trying to avoid? Why had it taken me six days of circling the computer to send out 60 copy-edited and proof-read pages?

They're from a book being published next spring. Nobody's read them apart from my editor, agent and a few close friends. By sending them out to a stranger, I was letting them cross the street by themselves without a guard. What if they didn't make it?

But instead of doing what I usually do—which to sit down and get things done as effectively and efficiently as possible—I gave myself reasons to stall.

I started arguing with myself as if with another person. I tried bribing myself, cajoling myself and threatening myself.

I got busy. I cooked until nothing remained in the cupboards, played with the cats until, yawning, they left the room and then—in a moment of truly desperate idiocy—started to organize my files.

These were alibis masquerading as activities.

Have you ever encased yourself in a sort of intellectual or emotional bubble wrap that prevents you from being damaged, but simultaneously prevents you from facing what you real feel? That's what I was doing.

Many of us invent elaborately designed barricades to place across our own pathways; it's quite remarkable we get anywhere at all. We might as well walk around with orange "Caution" cones in our back pockets.

Not only do we let ourselves out of things ("I don't feel so hot; I'm too old for this; Who cares what I do, anyway?"), we can allow ourselves to get so far away from accepting responsibility for our actions that we can't find the way back.

Many of us are expert at alibis. We think, "I can't go out tonight; I've already taken off my bra" or, as my friend Kari Lynn declares, "If you knew my family, you'd understand."

We think, "If only I'd been raised differently ..."

I call these alibis, because what they are is attempts to prove that we were elsewhere when the crimes against ourselves were being committed

No, I didn't hit "send" with a triumphal flourish. I did it for sheer exoneration. It was easier to be released from the obligation to myself by fulfilling it than it was to worry about.

It's tough to be in a relationship with somebody you don't trust, especially if that somebody is yourself.

Ditch the alibi; risk the truth.

Fiorina's strong debate might drive rise in polls

arly Fiorina's strong performance in the first Republican debate's "under-card" launched her into the main event. And the sharp way she confronted front-runner Donald Trump in the party's second candidate confrontation might propel her higher in the presidential polls.

On a night on which the debate's CNN organizers vowed to produce sharp clashes among the candidates—and largely succeeded—Fiorina emerged as Trump's most relentless challenger with a series of sharp stands, detailed policy positions and challenges to Trump's business expertise and recent criticism.

Several other GOP hopefuls might also benefit from concentrating more during the three-hour debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on their issues and qualifications than catchy one-liners against their rivals: Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio.

But the initial reaction was that Fiorina's sharp exchanges with Trump—and pointed rejoinders to President Barack Obama and Democratic favorite Hillary Clinton—could strengthen her standing at Trump's expense.

"You ran up mountains of debt, as well as losses, using other people's money, and you were forced to file for bankruptcy not once, not twice, four times," she told Trump, after he asserted her record running Hewlett Packard showed, "You can't run any of my companies"

And she refuted Trump's contention he meant "your persona, not your appearance," when he said in a Rolling Stone interview, "Look at that face. Would anyone vote for that?"

"I think women all over this country heard very clearly what Mr. Trump said," she said. "I think she's got a beautiful face, and I think she's a beautiful woman," Trump lamely replied.

Such exchanges provoked disdain from their rivals.

"If I were sitting at home and watching back and forth, I would be inclined to turn it off," Kasich declared, soon after the debate opened with sharp volleys among Trump and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Bush. "People at home want to know ... how we'll balance a budget, how we're going to create more economic growth, how we'll pay down the debt, what we're going to do to strengthen the military."

Christie made a similar point. "While I'm as entertained as any-

Inside Pope Francis' volo papale

n Pope Francis' first foreign trip, just a few months after his election in 2013, reporters aboard the flight to Brazil were stunned to see the pope carrying his own hand luggage, a worn briefcase that never left his side. Inside it were a razor, a breviary and a book to keep him company, he told reporters on the return leg of the trip. "I always travel with my bag," he said. "It's normal."

The black briefcase has become the symbol of Pope Francis' less formal, down-to-earth style of papal touring. When Francis hits the road, he brings along fewer Vatican officials than his predecessors, he keeps the liturgies simple and he spends much of his "down" time meeting privately with non-VIPs. The atmosphere is more relaxed than regal, and that fits with this pope's agenda of building bridges to the less powerful in society and in the church.

The Argentine pope hates traveling in a security bubble. On most trips he has insisted on riding through crowds in an open-air vehicle, saying the bulletproof pope mobile used by his predecessors was a glass "sardine can" that divides a pontiff from the people.

"It's true that anything could happen, but let's face it, at my age I don't have much to lose," he said told a Spanish reporter last year. All the same, U.S. security officials will no doubt try to keep the pope under glass when he rides through Washington, New York and Philadelphia.

At 78, Pope Francis is doing more traveling than he ever envisioned. A self-described "homebody" when he was archbishop of Buenos Aires, he used to criticize what he called "airport bishops" for their jet-setting ways. But as pope, Francis already has made nine foreign trips, and has three more scheduled before year's end.

For the 60 or so reporters aboard the "volo papale," the charter flight that carries the pope and his entourage, Francis has turned

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one by this personal back-and-forth about the history of Donald and Carly's career," Christie interjected, "for the 55-year-old construction worker out in that audience tonight who doesn't have a job, who can't fund his child's education, I've got to tell you the truth. They could care less about your careers, they care about theirs."

Those exchanges provided lively sound bites, but later, Bush seemed to overcome his lower-key approach to become increasingly assertive.

Asked about Trump's suggestion his wife's Mexican birth affected his immigration views, Bush declared that, "To subject my wife into the middle of a raucous political conversation was completely inappropriate, and I hope you apologize for that, Donald."

"I hear your wife is a lovely woman," Trump replied, refusing to apologize. Bush said his wife is "an American by choice," noting the country faces a choice between "the Reagan approach, the hopeful optimistic approach ... or the Donald Trump approach, the approach that says everything is bad."

While most candidates seemed intent on wooing the GOP's more conservative elements, Kasich added a note of moderation, opposing shutting down the federal government to force federal defunding of Planned Parenthood and refusing to say he'd tear up the Iran nuclear agreement. Paul defended his opposition to U.S. action against Iraq and Syria.

Rubio spoke out increasingly strongly on foreign policy as the night wore on, denouncing Obama as "more respectful to the ayatollah of Iran that he is to the prime minister of Israel." By contrast, Carson's low-key demeanor and generalities may prevent him from building on widespread GOP admiration. (In Wednesday's "undercard" session, frequent flashes of humor and strong foreign policy prescriptions might help South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham's long-shot prospects.)

Trump remains the center of attention. When the candidates were asked at the end to pick potential Secret Service code names, Bush used the occasion to chide the developer for labeling him a "low energy" candidate. "Eveready," he said, turning to Trump and adding with a smile, "It's very high energy, Donald."

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Newsday

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the back of the plane into a journalistic hot spot. His lengthy, free-wheeling news conferences are already legend. Unlike his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, who chose from submitted questions, Francis responds to even the most provocative queries. His most famous in-flight line—"If someone is gay and is searching for the Lord and has good will, then who am I to judge him?"—came in response to a question about a supposed "gay lobby" in the Vatican.

More than previous popes, Francis has taken a direct interest in scheduling for his visits, sometimes adding events at the last minute. In the Philippines in January, he delighted more than 300 former street children when he dropped in unannounced at a churchrun social center. The pope wants his trips to reflect the church's outreach to the marginalized, which explains why his U.S. schedule has grown to include events with homeless people, inner-city students and prisoners.

Between events, when he should be resting, Francis typically meets and greets a steady stream of unofficial guests, among them fellow Jesuits, charity workers and families whose stories of hardship and faith have caught the pope's attention. Especially on the road, this is a pope who projects the care and concern of a pastor.

As for gifts the pope receives during his pilgrimages, from soccer jerseys to indigenous headdresses, some are passed on to the poor and needy. The first prize at a recent Vatican charity raffle was a fully loaded Kia Soul compact car, which was donated to the pope in South Korea.

It's become yet another Pope Francis tradition: papal re-gifting.

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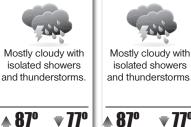
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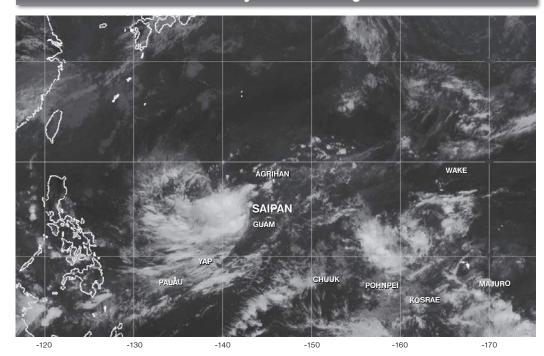




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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

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United 4 Saipan thanks Kilili

United 4 Saipan presented a plaque of appreciation to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and his wife, Andrea, Thursday last week for the personal donations they made to the group immediately after Typhoon Soudelor.

"Congressman Kilili and his wife were among the very first people to support our water relief efforts," United 4 Saipan volunteer coordinator Jenny Hegland said. "He and Mrs. Sablan personally donated \$500 worth of drinking water the very first day we distributed into villages more than six weeks ago. We are grateful for their generosity."

expanded their efforts to include the delivery of care packages with food and other supplies, the Sablans donated 1,400 canisters of butane to go into the packages. The total value of the donations of water and butane was \$1,756.50.

"Andrea and I have been so inspired by the positive energy and commitment of the United 4 Saipan volunteers we've met," Sablan said. "Many are young people who are all survivors themselves, and they continue to give so much. We just wanted to help."

On Sept. 17, the Sablans met

When United 4 Saipan later with a group of about a dozen U4S youth team. The group is United 4 Saipan volunteers, many of whom said they intend to stay involved in the community through the newly formed

composed of students below 18 who are willing to give their time to help the community. They aim to assist the island

in any way they can with its current needs. Many will join United 4 Saipan's next phase of volunteerism, helping families roots volunteer group providing repair and secure safe, habitable, and sanitary conditions in necessities for people affected their homes before rebuilding can occur. Some U4S youth also aspire to sign up for the Public

School System's Americorps unit in the future.

United 4 Saipan is a grassaccess to water and essential by Typhoon Soudelor. For more information, find them on Facebook. *(U4S)*



Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, seated center, and his wife, Andrea, are presented with a plaque of appreciation by members of the United 4 Saipan volunteer group on Thursday. Others in photo are Medilda David, Eloise Rose E. Lopez, Maria Lumauag, Parsley Linaogo, Stephanie Gruv, Chelsea Cavabyab, Farley Rey Orcaio Linaogo, Jeffrey Quilala, Mharbin David, Jenny Hegland, Nola Hix, Ballen Song, Sarka Glaschova, and Grace Orcajo,

NEWS BRIEFS

Lightning strikes Rota; IT&E services in **Songsong intermittent**

On Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, at around 2pm, lightning struck the island of Rota causing a power outage. As a result, landline, Internet, and cellphone services on Rota were affected. IT&E personnel were immediately deployed to the site to assess the situation.

As of Sunday, 9pm, all services in Sinapalo were restored. However, some affected services in Songsong village are still being resolved.

As of 4pm, Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, 4G Voice and Data, DSL (Internet) services are working islandwide. IT&E personnel are still working on CDMA, GSM wireless service and landline service in Songsong. (IT&E)

'Family Respite: **Worthwhile Giving'**

The Commonwealth Respite Service Program, under the Ayuda Network, Inc. is inviting family caregivers, private clinics, service providers and all interested individuals for a oneday workshop on "Family Respite: Worthwhile Giving" on Oct. 2, 2015, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa from 7:30am to 4pm.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide information for respite services from private and government agencies and availability of services for families with children and adults with developmental disabilities, primary caregivers of aging parents/ relatives, and medically fragile individuals.

To register for the workshop, call Ayuda Network, Inc. at 322-7469 from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Registration deadline for this workshop is Sept. 30, 2015, at 3:30pm. For special accommodations, call 322-7469 by Sept. 25, 2015. (PR)

workshop



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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday, Amanda Tudela! Enjoy your special day and may you have many more years to come. Love you! Greetings come from Randall, Ashley, friends, and CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tinian Nepali group celebrates Teej Festival

The Nepal Tinian Society Inc. recently organized the Teej Festival for all its women members at the main pavilion of Kammer Beach on Sept. 15, 2015.

Teej is the fasting festival of women in Nepal. Married women observe the Teej fast to honor Lord Shiva and to pray for a long and healthy life for their husbands. Unmarried girls also observe fasting on this day to pray for a good husband. Teej is an annual festival

of Nepali women.

Teej is a three-daylong festival in Nepal and each day has its own significance. The first day is called "Dar Khane Din," the day to make merry. The second day is a "fasting day." The third day is called "Rishi Panchami" in Nepal, which is a day to perform Teej Puja.

During Dar Khane Din, the womenfolk, dressed in their finest clothing, gather in one place and perform traditional dances special food called "dar" is eaten. Celebrations continue until midnight after which the 24-hourlong fast begins.

The second or the fasting day of the Teej Festival is dedicated to pujas and prayers. The holy Pashupatinath Temple is thronged by women in red saris to offer prayers to Lord Shiva.

On the third day of the Teej Festival, Rishi Panchami, the

and sing devotional songs. A seven sages of the Hindu pantheon are worshiped by women in a belief that it will cleanse all sins of the previous year. Womenfolk take a holy bath with red mud found on the roots of the sacred Datiwan bush, along with its leaves. After three hours of rigorous cleansing, they come out purified and absolved from all sins. After this they sit in a semicircle while a priest sitting in the middle chants devotional prayers. (PR)



The Nepal Tinian Society Inc. recently organized the Teei Festival for all its women members at the main payilion of Kammer Beach on Sept. 15, 2015.

Herman's Bakery celebrates hard work of power linemen

The dozens of linemen repairing the island's power grid were treated to some home cooking last Sunday when the family owners of the first bakery in the CNMI threw a barbecue lunch in support of the linemen's hard work.

Dozens of linemen from Saipan, Yap, Guam, Pohnpei, and other islands have been working 12-hour days, six days a week, erecting power poles and stringing wires in power recovery efforts after Typhoon Soudelor hit nearly two months ago.

In appreciation of their hard work, the Herman's Modern Bakery family invited dozens of the crew to a large lunch at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion in Susupe.

The Pan family treated the linemen to stacks of barbecue ribs and chicken, roast pig, beefsteak with red rice, and other

The Pan family also served a large cake with a big "thank you" dressed on top.

Founded by the late Herman



DENNIS B. CHAN

Members of the Herman's Modern Bakery family treat power linemen to a large lunch at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion in Susupe.

Reyes Guerrero in 1944, Herman's Bakery is the first bakery in the CNMI and also the first company founded during the postwar economy.

"We just want to say thank you for coming out and helping us in our time of need," said the bakery's general manager, Ana Guerrero Hayes.

"The whole community is benefiting from them being here. They had to leave their whole families behind so we are

Hayes said they wanted to give the workers a chance to sit down, relax, enjoy the food, and enjoy the rest of the other islanders that came here.

very appreciative," Hayes said.

"I think this is really a great

show of appreciation for all the crew and guests from off-island," acting CUC executive director John Riegel told Saipan Tribune.

The event also "shows great support for the guys down at the power plant who don't get a lot of attention," he added.

Ex-owner of Korean paper found guilty of punching another man

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Byung Ill Sin, the former owner and publisher of Saipan Times, a Korean newspaper on Saipan, was found guilty yesterday of assault and battery for punching Korean Association of Saipan vice president Jun Soo Park at a restaurant. The 60-year-old Sin was, however, found not guilty of disturbing the peace.

At a bench trial, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman, imposed a 30-day prison term on Sin, all suspended.

Sin was placed on six months probation and was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, and \$25 court costs. He was also required to write a letter of apology to Park, who was given 30 days to submit his claim for restitution.

Wiseman noted that Sin, who has no criminal history, has expressed remorse for what he did, which the judge said was not an extremely egregious event.

Before the sentence was handed, Sin apologized to Park.

In convicting Sin guilty of assault and battery, Wiseman said he finds based on evidence and

testimony of Park and other witnesses that Park was indeed assaulted. Wiseman said there was no self-defense.

Wiseman said there was a back and forth argument between Sin and Park during the association's meeting at a restaurant. The argument escalated to a level where Sin got upset and hit Park.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen, counsel for the government, recommended a sentence of one year imprisonment, all suspended except six months. Sin's lawyer, attorney Stephen Nutting, recommend no jail time and a \$500 fine.

Nutting said Sin is already 60 years old and has no criminal history. He pointed out that Park provoked Sin several times using disrespectful and bad words.

Both Sin and Park took the witness stand and narrated to the court their versions of the

Sin testified that he thought Park would assault him so he pushed him with a closed fist.

Sin denied there was an argument and stated that Park was very drunk.

Court sanctions Hillbroom for not appearing at conference

The federal court has sanctioned Junior Larry Hillbroom for failing to attend a settlement conference in connection with his lawsuit against his two former lawyers.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy found Friday that there were no sufficient reasons provided for Hillbroom's failure to appear.

Kennedy ordered Hillbroom to pay reasonable costs to his former lawyers, David J. Lujan and Barry J. Israel, for their travel expenses to attend the settlement conference.

Kennedy, however, denied has any documentation regard-Lujan's and Israel's request to ing both flights. Hanson stated hold Hillbroom liable to pay for he did not have time to obtain their attorney's fees.

At the hearing, attorney Mark Hanson appeared on behalf of his client, Hillbroom.

He explained that he was able to speak with

Hillbroom and that the lat-Saipan but had to return back to Palau due to flight problems.

Kennedy asked Hanson if he

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counsel peared on behalf of Lujan and Israel. cites flight Torres problems for that Israel had travelled all the not coming way from Vietnam

and Lujan had to postpone a trial in Guam just ter twice attempted to travel to be present for the settlement conference.

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Torres asked the court to award his clients costs and attorney's fees.

Kennedy ordered Hillbroom to appear for Friday's hearing to explain why he should not be sanctioned for not showing up at the settlement conference last Sept. 14.

The conference was set in connection with Hillbroom's lawsuit against his previous lawyers, Lujan and Israel, for allegedly conspiring with a former trustee to inflate the attorney's contingency fee when late business tycoon Larry Hillblom's fortune was still undergoing probate proceedings. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Saipan's municipal council wants to revive municipal complex plan

By JAYSON CAMACHO

The Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council wants to revive a plan to build a municipal complex that will house both the Saipan and the Northern Islands mayors' offices.

According to Municipal Council chair Antonia Tudela, the seat of the municipal government, including the mayor, municipal council, and the treasury office, used to be located in Chalan Kanoa in the early 1960s.

More than 50 years later, the Northern Islands Mayor's Office is now on Capital Hill, the Saipan Mayor's Office is on Beach Road, San Jose, while the Municipal Council is still in Chalan Kanoa.

"We want to have a municipal complex because right now the mayor's office is renting and the rental amount can be converted into having a municipal complex. We support the idea of having the mayor and the council working closer together by having them housed in a single complex," Tudela said.

Saipan residents would also benefit as they will have an easier time accessing their Saipan and the Northern Islands municipal leaders.

In a letter to Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation chair Rep. John Paul P. Sablan (R-Saipan), Tudela said that Sablan

could also have a satellite office located at the proposed municipal complex as he is one of the elected Precinct 2 representatives.

Aside from the revival of the municipal complex plan, Tudela is also following up funding from the Department of Public Works for the repair of the CK Kiosku signage and other municipal council infrastructure.

According to Tudela, Sablan and the municipal council met earlier this month and Sablan assured her that he would forward a concurring letter to DPW.

Saipan Tribune learned that the plastic signage engraved with the names of CNMI leaders that is displayed at the Kiosku was blown away by Typhoon Soudelor.

Tudela said the funds are there and they are only waiting for DPW's consent. This time, instead of a plastic plaque, they want the names engraved in granite. She said a solar-powered streetlight for the parking lot is also needed.

Tudela is also seeking funds for a security alarm, security camera, and shutters to reinforce the doors of the Kiosku, as well as to repair the roof of the municipal council office.

Tudela also noted that they support the acquisition of certain parcels of land around the Kiosku complex to provide Chalan Kanoa with a children's park and recreation center.



FOR THE CHILDREN

BOARD OF EDUCATION PHOTO

Garapan Elementary School principal Leila C. Yumul personally received yesterday from Board of Education secretary/treasurer Janice Marie A. Tenorio and BOE chair Herman T. Guerrerno, not in photo, a check donation for each of the public elementary schools.

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Life & Style

Emmy wins for Viola Davis, Jon Hamm, and GoT

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Long-standing barriers fell at Sunday's Emmy Awards as Viola Davis became the first nonwhite actress to claim top drama series acting honors, Jon Hamm finally won for "Mad Men," and

voters' anti-fantasy resistance to claim the most trophies ever in a season.

An emotional Davis, who won for her portrayal of a ruthless lawyer in "How to Get

'Maze Runner' sequel outpaces 'Black Mass' at box office

NEW YORK (AP)—"The Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" edged out Johnny Depp's "Black Mass" at box office, as the two films split young and old moviegoers in half on the first weekend of the fall movie season

20th Century Fox's sequel to "The Maze Runner" earned an estimated \$30.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. While that came in slightly below the debut of the 2014 young-adult dystopian sci-fi original, it counted as a win for a movie that cost \$61 million to make.

Warner Bros.' "Black Mass," starring Johnny Depp as Boston gangster Whitey Bulger, premiered with \$23.4 million. That's a strong sum for an R-rated adult drama, and it stabilizes a bad box-office run for Depp following a string of disappointments including "Mortdecai," "Transcendence" and "The Lone Ranger."

Universal's 3-D mountaineering thriller "Everest," starring Josh Brolin and Jason Clarke, opened with \$7.6 million, playing only on 545 IMAX and large-format screens. It expands wide next weekend.

"Sicario," the Lionsgate drug-war thriller starring Emily Blunt, Brolin and Benicio del Toro, opened in New York and Los Angeles ahead of its expansion over the next two weeks. In just six theaters, it took in \$390,000 with an excellent per-

screen average of \$65,000.

Paramount Picture's "Captive," starring David Oyelowo and Kate Mara, however, struggled to find moviegoers. The faith-based thriller couldn't follow in the steps of the lucrative Christian drama "War Room," grossing just \$1.4 million in 806 theaters.

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\$2.3 million

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- international) "Grandma," \$1.6 million.

"Game of Thrones" overcame Away With Murder," invoked the words and spirit of 19thcentury African-American abolitionist Harriet Tubman.

> "I can't seem to get over that line," she quoted Tubman as saying.

> "The only thing that separates women of color from anyone else is opportunity," Davis added. "You cannot win Emmys with roles that are simply not

> "Empire" star Tariji P. Henson, another black nominee in the category, stood and applauded Davis' win. Other African-American actresses who prevailed Sunday were Uzo Aduba and Regina King, who won for supporting performances.

> "Mad Men" star Hamm claimed the best drama actor Emmy that eluded him seven times before. He bypassed the steps to the Emmy stage, scrambling onto it on his stomach.

> "There has been a terrible mistake, clearly," said Hamm, who played troubled ad man Don Draper in the series that ended its run without adding another best-drama trophy to its haul of four previous wins.

> It lost to "Game of Thrones," which became only the second so-called "genre" series, after sci-fi drama "Lost," to win. The blood-soaked fantasy saga won a combined 12 Emmys on Sunday and at the previous creative arts awards, eclipsing the nineawards record set by "The West Wing" in 2000.

> With a total of 26 Emmys since it became eligible to compete in 2011, "Game of Thrones" is tied with "Hill Street Blue" and "The West Wing" as the most-honored drama series ever.

Peter Dinklage nabbed the



Murder'at the 67th Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, at the Microsoft Theater in Los

best supporting drama actor award for "Game of Thrones," which also won writing and directing trophies. Tracy Morgan, the actor-comedian seriously injured last year in a car accident, made a triumphant return to reveal "Game of Thrones" the best drama series.

Host Andy Samberg noted that the 67th Emmys coincided with the 67th birthday for George R.R. Martin, whose novels are the basis for "Game of Thrones." A smiling Martin was in the theater audience to accept the congratulations, and was onstage for the big win.

On the comedy side, political satire "Veep" claimed the top series award that had gone to "Modern Family" for five consecutive years.

Jon Stewart is gone from "The Daily Show" but not forgotten by Emmy voters, who gave the late-night show the best variety talk series award Sunday over two hosts who have moved on, Stephen Colbert and David

Stewart, who left the "Daily Show" earlier this year, warned the theater audience that the perils of leaving TV include no applause or free food.

Letterman.

"To everybody on television, I just want to tell you, cling to it as long as you can," joked Stewart, who's turning over "Daily Show" to Trevor Noah.

Besides Colbert, who left his Comedy Central show to become host of CBS' late-night show, the tough competition included another channel alum,

John Oliver.

"Transparent" emerged as an early winner, capturing a best comedy actor trophy for Jeffrey Tambor and a directing award for its creator, and giving both winners a chance to pay tribute to the show's trangender themes.

"I'd like to dedicate my performance and this award to the transgender community. ... Thanks for letting us be part of the change," said Tambor, who plays a man journeying toward womanhood.

Jill Soloway, who based the series on the life of her own "moppa," as she calls her parent, used her directing trophy acceptance speech to ask for equal rights for transgender individuals.

Couple's adoption of foster child causes family rift

EAR ABBY: My husband, "Jeff," and I are fostering a 17-year-old girl we plan to adopt. Jeff's mother grew up in foster care, and after learning about her life and hardship, I felt we should help out in this way.

I am a stay-at-home mother with three other children (6, 8 and 14), and we are a very tight-knit family, spending most of our time together. We love our foster daughter and look forward to many good times together.

The problem is my sister. She's very opinionated and has made it obvious that she is against our adopting another child. She feels the decision should have been made by our entire family, including her and my parents. My husband and I disagree, as do our kids.

My relationship with my sister has been strained for most of our lives, so her behavior does not come as a surprise. We would love to hear your opinion about what she said.

JUST LOOKING TO GIVE BACK

DEAR JUST LOOKING: Since you asked, I think your sister must be living in some kind of alternate reality. If you and your husband want to enlarge your family, it's nobody else's business, and for her to say something like what she did is the height of gall.

DEAR ABBY: After a 12-year struggle with depression, my father committed suicide in 2011. My three sons (ages 11, 7 and

6) occasionally ask how their grandfather died. I usually tell them a generic, "Poppa just got sick." I am not ashamed of my father or what he did, and I want to tell my sons the whole truth sooner rather than later. What is the appropriate age to tell my children their grandfather took his own life? Any recommendations on how to phrase it?

NO SECRETS IN MINNESOTA

DEAR NO SECRETS: When to tell them will depend upon the level of maturity of each of your sons. Depression is an illness (as you know) that can run in families, so they definitely have to be told, but because of the difference in their ages, it shouldn't be a blanket announcement.

A way to start the conversation would be to say something like: "I have told you your grandfather died because he got sick. But what I didn't tell you, because you were so young, is that the illness he suffered from was clinical depression, which he had tried to fight for 12 years. When it finally became too much for him, he took his own life.

"If you go online and research clinical depression—as I know you probably will—you will see what the symptoms are and that there are treatments for it. Many times those treatments are successful. But sadly, in the case of Poppa, they

At that point let them ask you any questions they have, and

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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assure them that you will discuss any concerns they may have -and anything else—any time they wish.

DEAR ABBY: Can you tell me how to select a good marriage counselor? Asking a friend for a referral is not an option.

DAN IN FLORIDA

DEAR DAN: If you have a physician you like and trust, you could ask that person for a referral. Or, if you prefer, contact licensed marriage counselors in your area. Then interview some of them to see which one you feel comfortable confiding in.

Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors— is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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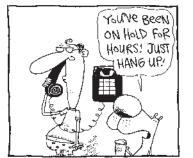
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bonnie Hunt, 54; Scott Baio, 55; Andrea Bocelli, 57; Joan Jett, 57.

Happy Birthday: Explore different options, but be secretive regarding your intentions. Try not to get into overly emotional discussions if you want to come out on top. Change is heading your way, and the manner in which you handle matters will determine how well you will do. Diplomacy and research will ensure your success. Your numbers are 4, 10, 17, 21, 28, 37, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let emotions block your ability to get things done. Share little, but listen to what's being said. The information you acquire will be valuable at a later date. Put more into upgrading, updating and improving your appeal and social life. 00

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Protect against injury and the challenges you aren't yet ready to deal with. Put more time into preparation and expanding your knowledge and experience. Try to be clear about what you are and what you are not capable of doing. **2000**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make alterations to the way you live. It's important to put your personal affairs first and to nurture the relationships that are important to you. Don't deny yourself a treat that will boost your confidence or your appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Choose your words carefully. Emotions must not be allowed to take over, causing a rift between vourself and someone vou love. Look for practical solutions and you will find a way to move forward. Don't be afraid to do things differently. OOO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hold a discussion with someone who can offer you insight into a vocation or destination that you might like to experience. Do your best to bring about a change to your current position or location. Romance is encouraged. ••••

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't get caught up in who does what or why. Look at what you are doing and make sure to give it your all. It's how you play the game that will lead to victory. Fairness and honesty will be what impresses onlookers and competitors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep the peace. If someone tries to goad you into an argument or is being pushy, remove yourself from the situation. Getting out and doing something you enjoy will be satisfying and help you avoid discord. 33

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A unique opportunity will spark your imagination. Make arrangements to discuss your options with someone you have worked with in the past. A chance to start a new venture is apparent. A day trip will help you make a decision. ••••

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be lured in to something that appears too good to be true. Do your homework and background checks to ensure that you aren't being fed false information. A change in your attitude or appearance will result in compliments and added attention.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at the practical side of any situation before you make a commitment. A hasty decision will leave you at a loss. Look for the less obvious mistakes or details involved in any agreement, settlement or personal documentation before signing. OOO

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make minor changes to contracts, health issues or concerns you may have regarding your finances and budgeting. Working toward a stable and secure lifestyle will bring about positive changes that will ease stress and improve your important personal relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make an effort to meet others halfway, but make sure you are doing so for the right reasons and that your plan is realistic. A partner will challenge you if you overspend, overreact or are overly indulgent. **QQQQ**

Birthday Baby: You are a dreamer and a peacemaker. You are creative, persistent and convincing. Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ http://bit.ly/exhoro and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Dated this 8th day of September, 2015.

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No. 15-0405

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Northern Mariana Islands

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Brady throws for 466 yards, leads Patriots past Bills



N.Y. (A P) — T o m Brady was a buzzkill in Buffalo

In silencing a raucous crowd and exposing Bills coach Rex Ryan's brash talk for bluster, Brady threw three touchdowns and 466 yards passing—the second-most of his career and most by any player against Buffaloin leading the New England Patriots to a 40-32 win Sunday.

And when it came time to have the last word, Brady shrugged by saying he could have done even better.

'We had a lot of good plays, but I think we left a lot of plays out there," Brady said. "But it's great to be 2-0."

It was an all-too-familiar performance from a quarterback who has feasted on the Bills during a 15-year run of dominance. Brady improved to 24-3 against Buffalo, while the Patriots are now 27-3 in the past 30 games against their AFC East rivals.

Ryan might be the Bills new coach, but he's seen this type of performance from Brady before.

"I've been on the wrong end of it a few times when the kid gets hot, and Brady was hot," Ryan said, before turning his attention to Patriots coach Bill Belichick. "It's on my shoulders. Belichick outcoached me. No question about it."

Ryan then used a profanity in explaining how poor of a job he did.

The Bills had a scare when starting safety Aaron Williams was loaded into an ambulance on the field and taken to the hospital after sustaining a neck injury late in the third quarter. The team announced Williams was released from the hospital after undergoing a series of tests.

The Patriots (2-0) took control by scoring three touchdowns in less than six minutes spanning the first and second quarters. And then they hung on after the Bills (1-1) mounted a 19-point fourth-quarter rally that eventually fell short.

The Bills' final drive ended when Tyrod Taylor was intercepted a third time after his pass glance off the fingers of receiver Sammy Watkins and into the arms of Logan Ryan.

Julian Edelman had 11 catches for 97 yards and two touchdowns. Tight end Rob Gronkowski scored his fourth TD of the season—and 10th against Buffalo-on a 2-yard catch. And don't forget running back Dion Lewis, who had 40 yards rushing and a touchdown, and added six catches for 98

It didn't matter much to Lewis that Ryan didn't know his name before the game—or after.

"Winning motivates me," Lewis said.

The Bills looked nothing like



the team coming off a 27-14 season-opening win over Indianapolis.

They began unraveling after Karlos Williams scored on a 2-yard run on Buffalo's opening drive.

Patriots eventually The scored on three consecutive possessions before building a 37-13 lead after Stephen Gostkowski hit a 50-yard field goal in the final minute of the third

It proved to be a deficit too big to overcome for a Tyrod Taylor-led offense that managed 127 yards on its first 10 possessions—and 80 of those came on the first possession.

"We killed ourselves," said Taylor, who finished 23 of 30 for 242 yards with three touchdowns. He also threw three interceptions and was sacked eight times.

The Bills defense was hardly better in allowing 507 yards offense and 28 first downs.

"I'm embarrassed," defensive tackle Kyle Williams said. "It looks bad on our team, our fans and it reflected in the way that we played. It's inexcusable."

Discipline was also a big problem. The Bills were penalized 14 times for 140 yards.

Cowboys 20, Eagles 10

In Philadelphia, Tony Romo joined Dez Bryant on the injured list with a broken left collarbone, but the Dallas Cowboys shut down DeMarco Murray and beat the Philadelphia Eagles 20-10 in the NFL on

Kyle Wilber returned a blocked punt 26 yards for touchdown, Brandon Weeden threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Terrance Williams and the Cowboys (2-0) overcame a team-record 18 penalties in their 10th consecutive road win.

Romo suffered a similar injury in Week 7 in 2010 and missed the rest of the season. The team said he'll be evaluated on Monday. Dallas already lost Bryant last week. The All-Pro receiver will miss at least six weeks after having foot surgery.

Packers 27, Seahawks 17

In Green Bay, Wisconsin, Aaron Rodgers threw for two touchdowns and Green Bay outlasted Seattle in a rematch of last season's NFC title game.

Rodgers orchestrated a 10play, 80-yard scoring drive, capped by a 5-yard scoring pass to Richard Rodgers. A 2-point conversion made it 24-17 with

Jayrone Elliott made a lunging, one-handed interception of a short pass from Russell Wilson with 6:50 left, one of the rare mistakes in the second half for Seattle's dual-threat quarterback. The Packers cashed in with one of Mason Crosby's four field goals on the night for a 10-point lead with 2 minutes remaining.

Browns 28, Titans 14

In Cleveland, Johnny Manziel threw a 60-yard touchdown pass

to Travis Benjamin on Cleveland's second play and connected with his wide receiver again for a clutch 50-yarder with 2:52 left, lifting the Browns over Tennessee.

Benjamin also returned a punt 78 yards for a TD in the first half as the Browns got just their third home-opening win since 1999.

Starting in place of injured Josh McCown, Manziel finished 8 of 15 for 172 yards. His last completion was vintage Johnny Football as Manziel spun to his left to avoid pressure and threw deep to Benjamin.

Manziel won his Heisman Trophy matchup with Marcus Mariota, who threw two TD passes in the second half for the Titans, but took a pounding in his second game. The No. 2 overall draft pick was sacked seven times.

Buccaneers 29, Saints 19

In New Orleans, Jameis Winston passed for a touchdown and ran for another and Tampa Bay held on against mistakeprone New Orleans.

Winston, who was intercepted twice and sacked four times in a losing NFL debut at home a week earlier, remained largely composed in the hostile Superdome. He completed 14 of 21 passes for 207 yards and was not intercepted. He lost one fumble, but the Saints couldn't cash in.

Raiders 37, Ravens 33

In Oakland, California, Derek

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) throws a pass to Julian Edelman (11) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Carr threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Seth Roberts with 26 seconds left to cap the most productive day of his young career and lead Oakland.

Carr threw for a career-high 351 yards and three touchdowns and overcame a late interception that put the Raiders in a hole in the closing minutes.

But Carr went 7 for 9 for 65 yards on the winning drive, aided by a personal foul on Timmy Jernigan and a hold on Will Hill III that negated an interception.

Vikings 26, Lions 16

In Minneapolis, Adrian Peterson had 192 total yards and Minnesota rebounded from a rough season opener.

Peterson, playing in front of a pro-Vikings crowd for the first time in 658 days, rushed 29 times for 134 yards after receiving a pregame standing ovation out of the tunnel and a couple of "AP! AP! AP!" chants from the fans on a sun-soaked afternoon.

Teddy Bridgewater played a smart, sharp game for Minnesota. He threw for one touchdown and ran for another. Matthew Stafford was erratic for the Lions, who fell behind 14-0 early in the second quarter.

Jaguars 23, Dolphins 20

In Jacksonville, Florida, rookie Jason Myers kicked a 28-yard field goal with 40 seconds remaining for Jacksonville.

The Jaguars took over with 1:48 left, and Blake Bortles put them in field-goal range with pass plays of 18, 19 and 9 yards. The Dolphins provided some help, too, with a 15-yard personal foul penalty called on Olivier Vernon. The defensive end was flagged for hitting tight end Clay Harbor after the whistle, making it a chip shot for Myers.

Cardinals 48, Bears 23

In Chicago, Carson Palmer threw for four touchdowns to lead Arizona in a game that saw Chicago lose Jay Cutler to a hamstring injury.

Palmer connected with Larry Fitzgerald for three TDs, David Johnson returned the opening kickoff a club-record 108 vards and added a rushing TD. And coach Bruce Arians gained a measure of revenge after the Bears hired Marc Trestman over him in January 2013.

Steelers 43, 49ers 18

In Pittsburgh, Ben Roethlisberger passed for 369 yards and three touchdowns, DeAngelo Williams tied a team record with three rushing scores for Pittsburgh.

The Steelers converted a pair of 2-point attempts in the first

half to seize momentum and had little trouble with San Francisco. Antonio Brown caught nine passes for 195 yards and a touchdown for Pittsburgh, which rolled up 453 total yards despite having the ball for only 23 minutes.

Colin Kaepernick threw for 335 yards and two scores.

Bengals 24, **Chargers 19**

In Cincinnati, Andy Dalton threw three touchdown passes, and Cincinnati quickly ended Philip Rivers' streak of perfect passing.

Dalton's 9-yard throw to Tyler Eifert put the Bengals in control midway through the fourth quarter. San Diego set up Cincinnati's first touchdown with a

Giovani Bernard took over as the running back after Jeremy Hill lost two fumbles. He finished with 123 yards.

Falcons, 24, Giants 20

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Julio Jones caught a perfect 37-yard pass from Matt Ryan, setting up Devonta Freeman's 2-yard touchdown run with 1:14 remaining, lifting Atlanta over New York.

Jones was unstoppable in the Falcons' second straight victory, tying the club record with 13 receptions, good for 135 yards. His biggest catch was down the left sideline behind Prince Amukamara in the final moments.

The Giants blew a 20-10 fourth-quarter lead. Leonard Hankerson caught a 10-yard TD pass to bring Atlanta within three. Then Ryan guided the Falcons 70 yards to the winning

Redskins 24, Rams 10

In Landover, Maryland, rookie Matt Jones ran for 123 yards and two touchdowns, an efficient Kirk Cousins avoided turnovers, and Washington held on for the win. Jones, a thirdround draft pick, scored from 39 yards in the first quarter, and from 3 with about 2 1/2 minutes left in the fourth.

The Redskins led 17-0 at halftime, the first time they shut out an opponent in the first half since Oct. 2, 2011, also against the Rams.

Panthers 24, Texans 17

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Cam Newton threw two touchdown passes and somersaulted into the end zone for another score for Carolina.

Newton was 18 of 37 for 195 yards and ran for 77 yards on nine carries.

The fifth-year quarterback provided the highlight of the day when he raced up the middle on a draw play and tumbled over defensive back Rahim Moore—nearly sticking the landing—for a 3-yard TD that put Carolina ahead 17-10 late in the third quarter.

Day wins BMW Championship on cruise control

LAKE FOREST, III. (AP)— Jason Day has plenty of rivals at the moment, but very few peers.

Day's runaway victory Sunday in the BMW Championship vaulted him to No. 1 in the world ranking, backing up a boast the then little-known Australian made during a conference call with reporters in 2007—and for which he was roasted on more than one occasion since

"I remember sitting on my mom's bed and thinking that (predicting he'd be No. 1 someday) might not go over too well," laughed Day, who turns 28 next month.

It didn't.

"I expected to get a little bit (of criticism), but not the response that I got from practically everyone," Day recalled, another championship trophy poised within arm's reach. "But it's good to sit in this chair right

His 2-under, final-round 69

BMW Championship

and 22-under total at Conway Farms was good for a six-shot victory over rookie Daniel Berger. Scott Piercy finished third, seven strokes back.

The win was Day's fifth on tour this season and his second in the FedEx Cup playoffs. In addition to leap-frogging Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy to

claim the top spot in the world ranking, it made him the frontrunner in the 30-man field heading to East Lake in Atlanta next weekend for the series finale.

"Whatever Jason Day is doing, or which course he's playing, it's ridiculous," said Danny Lee, who's at No. 19.

That was hardly an exaggera-



Jason Day of Australia, kisses his son Dash, after winning the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, in Lake Forest, III.

tion here.

Day zoomed out to a big lead by shooting 61 and 63 in the first two rounds and was never seriously challenged. If he manages a win in Atlanta, it could make the race for Player of the Year—an award Spieth appeared to lock up by winning the Masters and U.S. Open earlier in the summer—closer than

anyone would have anticipated just six weeks ago.

But Day has been on an incredible run since narrowly missing at the British Open. In his six starts since, he has won four times—the Canadian Open, the PGA Championship for his first major and the two FedEx Cup events—and played at a sizzling 101-under par clip.

Yanks take advantage of Harvey's exit, rout sloppy Mets, 11-2



(AP)—Carlos Beltran, CC Sa-

bathia and the New York Yankees took advantage of Matt Harvey's early exit, beating the sloppy Mets 11-2 Sunday to tighten the AL East race just in time for a critical trip to To-

Dustin Ackley hit a three-run homer after Beltran's go-ahead double, and Sabathia (5-9) won for the first time since July 8 as the Yankees took two of three at Citi Field to win both Subway Series this season. New York, which leads the wild-card playoff standings, moved within 2 1/2 games of first-place Toronto heading into a three-game set beginning Monday.

Cardinals 4, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Cardinals star catcher Yadier Molina exited after spraining his left thumb on a tag and playoff-bound St. Louis ended Chicago's five-game winning streak.

Molina said he would get an MRI on Monday.

Mariners 9, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Felix Hernandez became the American League's first 18-game winner,

NEW YORK Robinson Cano drove in four runs and Seattle beat AL Westleading Texas.

> Texas' division lead was trimmed to 11/2 games over second-place Houston.

Astros 5, Athletics 1

In Houston, Colby Rasmus homered twice and George Springer added a two-run shot to back a solid start by Collin McHugh and help Houston beat Oakland.

The Astros won their second in a row following a five-game skid that knocked them out of first place in the AL West.

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 3

In Toronto, The AL East-leading Toronto Blue Jays lost their grip in the eighth inning, and Boston broke ahead on a sacrifice fly by Jackie Bradley Jr.

Twins 8, Angels 1

In Minneapolis, rookie Tyler Duffey pitched seven shutout innings, Eddie Rosario and Joe Mauer hit two-run homers, and Minnesota pulled even with Los Angeles in the AL wild-card

Indians 6, White Sox 3

In Cleveland, Josh Tomlin

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(34.9), Shuichi Ohara (27.7), Hayden Gifford (18.0), and Koichi Morita (8.7) rounded up the standings in the ranking round on Friday, the first day of the competition.

Morita could not get his round going as he had a difficult time maintaining his balance. He fell a number of times and spent most of his time at the sides where he needed help from Mojar just to get to the flowrider facility's waves' middle portion as time expired.

Babauta, however, bounced back in the men's pro bodyboard division collecting 48.3 against Kin Jae Won's 47 markers. Francis Heartman tallied 43.6 points while Reymark Castro scored 42.5.

Babuta (49.3), Won (46), Heartman (45), Yu Suzuki (44.4), Castro (41.9), and Ki Taek Kim (39.7) rounded up Friday's ranking round.

Nishimura, on the other hand, dominated the women's

division with 40.8 points with Sophia Park coming in second with 31.9. Aly Martin earned 25.8 markers while Junko Seto had 25.5 points.

Nishimura was the top ranked female rider after she qualified and competed in the 2014 Asia Flow Series Finals held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Nishimura (35.4), Park (21.5) were the placings after in the first 20 minutes of play. the ranking round.

Seto rebounded in the women's pro bodyboard event winning a close battle with Nishimura to foil the latter's bid for a second title. She garnered 32.7 points for a 0.2 win over Nishimura (32.5) while Go Eun Woo finished third with 31.9 markers.

Woo topped the ranking round with 31.1 points with Nishimura coming second (30.1) and Seto third (29.8).

All three competitors in the men's novice bodyboard division—Hyun Seok Jung, Lee Jong II, and Ryu Dong Hyunwere a no show.

pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings, Lonnie Chisenhall homered and drove in three runs as Cleveland defeated Chicago.

Royals 10, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Kendrys Morales hit three home runs and a triple, setting a team record with 15 total bases as Kansas City beat Detroit to avoid a three-game sweep.

Morales hit three solo shots and scored five runs.

Rays 7, Orioles 6

In St Petersburg, Florida, pinchhitter Brandon Guyer led off the ninth inning with a tying homer and Kevin Kiermaier beat out a two-out single for the winning run as Tampa Bay rallied past Baltimore.

Nationals 13, Marlins 3

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg struck out 10 in an encore to one of the best starts of his career, and Yunel Escobar had four hits and four RBIs as Washington beat Miami.

Brewers 8, Reds 4

In Milwaukee, Adam Lind drove in three runs and Milwaukee ended an eight-game losing streak, taking advantage of Cincinnati's poor fielding.

Braves 2, Phillies 1

In Atlanta, Julio Teheran took a perfect game try into the seventh inning and A.J. Pierzynski hit an RBI single in the ninth that lifted Atlanta over Philadelphia.

Pirates 4, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Gerrit Cole (17-8) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings and struck out nine, improving to 3-0 in four career starts against Los Angeles. Tony Watson and Mark Melancon followed with perfect innings of relief, and Melancon got his 48th save.

Giants 5, Diamondbacks 1

In San Francisco, Buster Posey hit a three-run homer and Tim Hudson (8-8) allowed four hits in six scoreless innings, improving to 11-2 against Arizona.

Padres 10, Rockies 4

In Denver, Matt Kemp homered and doubled twice to back James Shields (13-6), who pitched two-hit ball into the seventh. Yangervis Solarte, Jedd Gyorko and Cory Spangenberg also homered for San Diego. Justin Upton had three of the Padres' 15 hits and drove in three runs.

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two charities giving Pasion De Amor the 2-point cushion before the match was suspended due to darkness.

Eh Di Wow lost its big lead in the second half, as only Lerio Pagarao and Jerome Reves canned more than one field goal (26.7), Seto (22.6), and Martin for the squad after a strong start

> The continuation of the Eh Di Wow-Pasion De Amor tiff will be scheduled on a later date along with the resumption of the Makalaro Lang-Purple Rain duel.

> Makalaro Lang erected an early double-digit spread, 10-0, but Purple Rain picked up its scoring in the closing minutes of the first half to stay afloat.

Matt Buenabajo surprisingly led Makalaro Lang's blast in the opening minutes, nailing 6 of the team's first 10 points. Ivan Devero scored the 4 other markers and added 7 more to keep Makalaro Lang's twindigit spread, 22-12, before Paul Bautista and Donnel Isip teamed up in Purple Rain's 11-4 windup to cut the deficit to 3 after the first half, 23-26.

Bautista fired 4 points in that run, while Isip recorded Purple Rain's last 5 points off a triple and another long-jumper, and Ray Deleon Guerrero logged the 2 other points. Earlier in the first half, Deleon Guerrero posted 5 straight points after Bruce Berline made Purple Rain's first basket to lead the team's comeback bid.

Purple Rain moved closer, 25-26, as Bautista added another basket to start the second half before Buenabajo countered with a baseline jumper and game officials decided to call it a day as it started to get dark.

Pending completion of the games over the weekend, Makalaro Lang (4-1) shares the top spot in the nine-team field with Wag Kang Pabebe (4-1). Oh My J is at second place with its 3-1 slate, followed by Hard Kulangot (3-2), Purple Rain (2-2), Pasion De Amor (2-2), Red Rice (1-3), Navy Hill Kidlat (1-4), and Eh Di Wow (0-5).

PCF 5K fundraiser on Oct. 3



Marianas chapter of the Pacific Century Fellows will

be holding the Back On Our Feet 5-kilometer fun run event on Oct. 3 at the Garapan Fishing Base just across Kristo Rai Church

Registration for the event, which aims to raise funds to help families rebuild their homes that were damaged or destroyed by Typhoon Soudelor, starts at 5am. Registration fee is \$15 per person, which includes an event T-shirt.

L.J. Castro, who has been helping PCF with its media and promotions, said anybody can join and they are encouraging families to join.

"The event was an idea that we shout out to each other. This

Northern is our own way of helping with the relief efforts. We can do more in the rebuilding process,' Castro told Saipan Tribune.

> "Anyone can participate and it is a family event. For just a simple fee, you've done your part to help the community. Bring your family and your friends. Spread the word," added Castro.

> Participants can jog, run, and walk along the Beach Road Pathway, which is also accessible to kids strollers and wheelchairs for persons with disabilities. The course is from Garapan Fishing Base to Quartermaster and back.

Participants who are minors, under the age of 18, must have adult supervision. A raffle will also be held after the run. (Jon Perez)

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Kim, Jordan Butcher, and Won Young Kim—will also join the U19 crew in the training camp, while Hunter Jewell, who is flying from Kansas, will be with the squad a few days before the AFC games start.

The CNMI will have its first match in the Group H qualifiers on Sept. 28 against a familiar foe in Chinese-Taipei. The last three matches will be versus Singapore on Sept. 30, Thailand on Oct. 2, and South Korea on Oct. 4.

While their coaches and some of their teammates were in Laos, majority of the U19 squad members continued with their own training sessions until last Saturday. The remaining players worked on stamina building drills and reviewed their

defensive setups as they prepare against faster teams with strong ability to score.

In an earlier interview with Sekiguchi before he left for Laos, he said speed and defense will play important roles in the CNMI's bid to limit the opposing team's production.

Meanwhile, the other members of the CNMI U16 National Team are scheduled to return to Saipan this morning. The U16 group left Laos yesterday morning or less than 24 hours after making it to the scoreboard of the qualifiers during their game against the Philippines. Anthony Fruit and Sun Joon Tenorio converted one goal apiece in the Commonwealth's final match in the Group G qualifier. Besides the Philippines, the CNMI also played against Malaysia, Timor-Leste, and the host team.





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CNMI U19 team up next for AFC event

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t will be the CNMI U19 National Team's turn to show its wares in an Asian Football Confederation-sanctioned tournament as it competes in the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers in Thailand.

The Commonwealth's U19 players and some officials left Saipan yesterday morning and were expected to reach Chonburi today after their flight from Manila to Bangkok was delayed for a few minutes. The group will be playing in Bangkok for the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers that will start next week, but will go to Chonburi first for a five-day training camp.

"We have exhibition matches tentatively on Sept. 23 and 25. However, we don't know yet who will be our opponents. We



will find out more when we meet up with the coaches and the rest of the team. We are currently on board to Bangkok," team manager Ruselle Zapanta told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

In Bangkok, players Joshua Galarion, Joel Fruit, Yoshi Mafnas, Greg Sablan, Terrence Belcher, Kennedy Izuka, Josh



Makalaro Lang, Pasion De Amor ahead

1:41 mark.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Makalaro Lang and Pasion De Amor are on top of their respective

suspended matches in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League.

Makalaro Lang is clinging to a 28-25 advantage against Purple Rain with 17:59 left in their game last Saturday at the Navy Hill court, while Pasion De Amor is also holding on to a shaky lead, 65-63, versus Eh Di Wow in their last Friday

> Bart Demapan. Esdrelon and company were behind by 9 at the break, 27-36, and were once down by 15 points midway in the first half when the veteran guard started connecting shots from downtown in the second half to anchor Pasion De Amor's fight-back. Esdrelon knocked in four triples in the second half and at one point scored 8 straight markers to bring Pasion De Amor back into the

matchup that was halted at the

turned the tables on the win-

less Eh Di Wow in the second

half after overhauling a double-digit deficit behind the hot

3-point shooting of team cap-

tain Elmer Esdrelon and baskets in the paint from forward

Pasion De Amor (2-2)

game. Pasion De Amor made five triples in the unfinished second half against none from Eh Di Wow with Nestor Arreza drilling the other one. Demapan contributed 8 markers in the second half recovery with his

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Purple Rain's Bruce Berline towers over his teammates and Makalaro Lang players, making it easy for him to get the rebound in this play in the first half of their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Saturday at the Navy Hill court.

Diego Masga, Sean Perez, and Ryu Tanzawa and Zapanta will be reunited with goalie Christopher Aninzo, Emmanuel Aniana, Mareko Tekopua, Euly Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, and shi Sekiguchi, assistant coach Jershwin Angeles, and CNMI delegation head Elna Curate. The three officials and Aninzo and company are coming from

Chad Shankweiler, coach Kiyo- Laos after competing in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers. The off-island members of the team—Scott

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Keoni, Kaouru repeat as flowboard champs

By JON PEREZ

Saipan's Keoni Ichihara and Kaouru Nishimura successfully defended their flowboard titles as they both ruled the men's and women's divisions of the 2015 Point Break Open held over the weekend at the Pacific Islands Club's flowrider facility in San Antonio.

But it wasn't an easy outing for Ichihara as Ray Babauta, last year's runner-up, almost won the men's crown. Ichihara scored 45.6 points for a close win against Babauta's 45 in the

It was a good thing that Ichihara was first to take on the flowrider's sheet waves in the finals as he had set the bar in his initial run. He had a shaky round in his second try.

Ichihara wobbled early and looked like he could not gain control, but quickly recovered as he wowed the judges with his array of stunts. He ended his stint with a well-timed 360-degree jump flip where he landed beautifully earning cheers from the crowd.

Dan Westphal, who started out strong and had good control in the early goings of his ride,



came in third with 41.8 points, while Christo Mojar garnered

Ichihara scored 40.5 in the ranking round to easily reach

the finals while Babauta tallied

Westphal (35.2),

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